

WISCONSIN DIVORCE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

PENALTIES: Any person who willfully and knowingly makes false application for a divorce certificate shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 90 days, or both, per Chapter 69.24(2) Wisconsin Statutes.

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| APPLICANT INFORMATION | THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS ABOUT THE PERSON COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION. | |
| | YOUR Name (Please Print) | YOUR Daytime Telephone Number () |
| | YOUR Street Address | MAIL TO Address (if different) |
| | City / State / Zip | City / State / Zip |
| RELATIONSHIP TO PERSONS NAMED ON THE CERTIFICATE | According to Wisconsin Statute, a CERTIFIED copy of a divorce certificate is only available to a person with a "Direct and Tangible Interest." If you do not meet the criteria for boxes A – F, please refer to the information on page 2. | |
| | Check one box which indicates YOUR RELATIONSHIP to one of the PERSONS NAMED on the divorce certificate. | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> A. I am one of the PERSONS NAMED on the divorce certificate. | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> B. I am the parent of one of the PERSONS NAMED on the divorce certificate. | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> C. I am the legal custodian or guardian of one of the PERSONS NAMED on the divorce certificate. | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> D. I am a member of the immediate family of one of the PERSONS NAMED on the divorce certificate. (Only those listed below qualify as immediate family.) | |
| | CHECK ONE: <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent | |
| FEES | <input type="checkbox"/> Search Fee (includes one copy, if found) \$ 7.00 <u>7.00</u> | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Each additional copy of the same record, issued at the same time as the first copy X \$ 3.00 <u> </u> | |
| | No. of Copies | |
| DIVORCE INFORMATION | NOTE: FEE IS NOT REFUNDABLE IF NO RECORD IS FOUND. TOTAL <u> </u> | |
| | FULL NAME OF HUSBAND | |
| | FULL MAIDEN NAME OF WIFE | |
| | COUNTY OF DIVORCE | DATE OF DIVORCE |

- Make check or money order payable to: **STATE OF WIS. VITAL RECORDS**
- Send completed form; self-addressed, business-size envelope; and check or money order to: **State of Wis. Vital Records, PO Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309**

I hereby attest that the information provided on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I am entitled to copies of the requested divorce certificate in accordance with the categories listed above.

SIGNATURE - Applicant (Person Completing Application)

Date Signed

OFFICE USE ONLY

Certificate Number

What is the difference between a certified and an uncertified copy of a divorce certificate?

A **certified copy** of a divorce certificate issued by our office will have a raised seal, will show the signature of the State Registrar, and will be printed on security paper. A certified copy may be required to change your last name or to remarry.

State law restricts who may obtain a certified copy of a divorce certificate. A certified copy may be issued to:

- The persons named on the record;
- A parent of a person named on the record;
- A sibling of a person named on the record;
- A child of a person named on the record;
- A grandparent of a person named on the record;
- A person authorized in writing by one of the above (The written authorization must accompany the request and the relationship of the authorizing party to the subject of the record must be clearly explained.); or
- A person who can demonstrate that the record is required to determine or to protect a personal or property right.

If you do not meet one of the above criteria, you cannot receive a certified copy of a divorce certificate.

An **uncertified copy** will contain the same information as a certified copy, but will **not** be acceptable for legal purposes, such as remarriage.
